

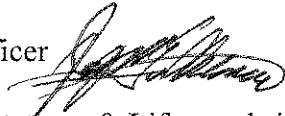


THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2011

TO: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner

FROM: Jay M. Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer 

SUBJECT: Request to Restore Brownd-out Fire Stations & Lifeguards in FY2012 Budget

This is in response to your March 16, 2011 memorandum regarding the restoration of brownd-out fire stations and lifeguard services.

There appears to be a little miscommunication between what I thought you had asked me at yesterday's Budget and Finance Committee and what you apparently thought my answer was. The question I heard you ask was, "Does the projected \$56.7 million deficit include the restoration of any of the brownd-out fire stations?" To that question, I answered "no". That response was not intended to suggest that we are not exploring options to restore some of the brown-outs approved as part of the fiscal year 2011 budget.

I do not wish to get into any details at this time since we are still finishing the budget and final decisions are still being made; however, the Mayor is looking at ways to bring back into service some of the brownd-out fire stations. This of course means that savings will have to be found in other areas of the budget to cover this expense.

All of this will be finalized over the next couple of weeks and formally presented to the City Council following the release of the Mayor's Recommended Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Honorable Council President and Councilmembers
Chief Javier Mainar, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department